IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-56 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

57. (New) A method implemented by a digital processing system for processing media data, said method comprising:

retrieving from a digital storage system a set of data which indicates how to transmit a time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data.

58. (New) A method as in claim 57 further comprising:

transmitting packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data according to said transmission protocol.

59. (New) A method as in claim 57 wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data or a sequence of audio data associated with said time related sequence of media data.

60. (New) A method as in claim 57 wherein said method further comprises packetizing said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data.

61. (New) A machine readable medium containing executable program instructions, which when executed on a digital processing system cause the digital processing system to perform a method comprising:

retrieving a set of data which indicates how to transmit a time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data.

62. (New) The machine readable medium as in claim 61, said method further comprising:

transmitting data representative of said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data.

63. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 61, wherein said set of data is stored as a track of indicating data.

64. (New) The machine readable medium as in claim 61 wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

65. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 61, wherein said method further comprises:

determining a format of said time related sequence of media data;

packetizing said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data;

wherein said transmission protocol is used to transmit said time related sequence of media data which has said format and wherein said packetizing uses said format and said protocol to packetize said time related sequence of media data.

66. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 65, wherein the method further comprises:

transmitting packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data according to said transmission protocol.

67. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 66, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence

of image data or a sequence of audio data associated with said time related sequence of media data.

68. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a port configured to receive a set of data associated with transmission of a time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data;

a processing unit coupled to said port to receive said set of data, said processing unit packetizing said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 68, further comprising a transmitter coupled to said processing unit, said transmitter for transmitting packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data according to said transmission protocol.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 69, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image

data or a sequence of audio data associated with said time related sequence of media data.

71. (New) An apparatus for processing media data, said apparatus comprising:

a means for retrieving a set of data which indicates how to transmit a time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

a means for packetizing said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, further comprising:

a means for transmitting packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data or a sequence of audio data associated with said time related sequence of media data.

74. (New) A method implemented by a digital processing system for processing media data, said method comprising:

retrieving a first time related sequence of data to indicate how to transmit a second time related sequence of data according to a transmission protocol, wherein said second time related sequence of data is associated with time-based media, and wherein said first time related sequence of data is associated with said second time related sequence of data; and

packetizing said second time related sequence of data according to said first time related sequence of data.

75. (New) A method as in claim 74, further comprising:

transmitting packets of data representing said second time related sequence of data according to said transmission protocol.

76. (New) A method as in claim 75, wherein for each of said packets, said first time related sequence of data refers to at least one of a sequence of image data or a sequence of audio data associated with said second time related sequence of data.

77. (New) A method as in claim 76, wherein said second time related sequence of data is stored on a read-only memory (ROM).

78. (New) A machine readable medium containing executable program instructions, which when executed on a digital processing system cause the digital processing system to perform a method comprising:

retrieving a set of data which indicates how to transmit a time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with said time related sequence of media data.

79. (New) The machine readable medium as in claim 78, said method further comprising:

transmitting data representative of said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data.

80. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 78, wherein said set of data is stored as a track of indicating data.

81. (New) The machine readable medium as in claim 78 wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

82. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 78, wherein said method further comprises:

determining a format of said time related sequence of media data;

packetizing said time related sequence of media data according to said set of data;

wherein said transmission protocol is used to transmit said time related sequence of media data which has said format and wherein said packetizing uses said format and said protocol to packetize said time related sequence of media data.

83. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 82, wherein the method further comprises:

transmitting packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data according to said transmission protocol.

84. (New) The machine readable medium of claim 83, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence